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PROMINENT MERCHANT SUCCEUMBS TO STROKE

George Alvin Smith Passes Away at Home in This City.

PARALYZED IN CHASE CITY Served Gallantly During War, and Was Well-Known in Business Circles.

Mr. George Alvin Smith, a prominent merchant and citizen of Richmond, died at his home, No. 823 West Grace Street, about 8:30 o'clock last night, in the sixty-fifth year of his age. For some time past Mr. Smith had been in bad health, and recently he went to Chase City to rest and recuperate, although his condition was not considered critical. On Sunday afternoon he suffered a stroke of paralysis, from the effects of which he never recovered. He was brought to his home in Richmond on Monday.

Lost Arm During War. A native of Richmond, Mr. Smith from his earliest manhood was deeply interested in everything that concerned this city, or that contributed to its growth and development. The mercantile firm of which he was head became under his management one of the largest of its kind in the South. In the army of the Confederacy, Mr. Smith, known as an ardent and gallant soldier, served with distinction. He enlisted at the beginning of the war as a private in the third company of Richmond Howitzers, of which company his brother, Benjamin H. Smith, now of Augusta, Ga., subsequently became the captain.

Mr. Smith lost his left arm in the battle of Fredericksburg, and afterward did excellent service as a lieutenant in the President's Guard. In that capacity, he followed President Davis and his cabinet on their retreat from Richmond in April, 1865. He always treasured among his personal papers an autograph letter from Col. William Preston Johnston, a President Davis's personal staff, commending him for his faithful and efficient services while attached to that command. He was an active member of the Richmond Howitzer Association and of R. E. Lee Camp, No. 1, Confederate Veterans.

Was Widely Known. Mr. Smith was a son of the late Benjamin H. and Pention B. Smith, prominent residents of this city. He married first Miss Mary B. Morris, a daughter of the late Adolphus Morris, at one time a noted publisher here.

By this marriage he had five children, three of whom still survive—Alvin M. Blanche Morris, who married Dr. Daniel D. Wilcox, of Petersburg, and Malcolm, now of Syracuse, N. Y. His second marriage was to Miss Mary Taylor, of Orange county, Va., a daughter of the late Major Erasmus Taylor, formerly of General Longstreet's staff. By this last marriage he leaves two children—Miss Roberta and Benjamin H. Smith, Jr. He is also survived by one brother, Captain B. H. Smith, of Augusta, Ga., and one sister, Miss Mary E. Smith, of this city, who resided with him. Mr. Smith was an active member of All Saints' Episcopal Church and an exemplary citizen in all the relations of life.

The arrangements for the funeral will be announced later.



GEORGE ALVIN SMITH.

MILK INSPECTION ESSENTIAL HERE

Dr. Whittaker Tells Dairymen That They Will Derive Benefit and Profit in End.

Harmony apparently prevails in the milk camps in and around Richmond, the milk-producing association having had a most enthusiastic meeting yesterday at Smithfield Hall, Dr. George M. Whittaker, of the Dairy Division of the National Department of Agriculture, being the principal speaker. Dr. E. C. Levy, Chief Health Officer, and Inspector Holdsworth were among the invited guests. The general subject of discussion was "City Milk Inspection."

Dr. Whittaker said that all up-to-date communities like Richmond are now coming to have some kind of milk inspection, and that it better become the duty of the dairyman to co-operate with the inspectors in producing the best possible grade of milk for the market rather than the useless fighting of the right of the city to inspect dairies.

Dr. Whittaker continued: "Increasing refinement and increasing knowledge of bacteria is increasing the demand for better milk, and there is an agitation all over the country in this direction. This being so, the only question to be considered is, What is the best kind of inspection—best for consumer and producer?"

He briefly outlined several kinds of inspection, which have been in different parts of the country, and concluded that the score card has advantages over every other system.

He emphasized the point that the dignity, standing and profits of the product, and that the better class of milk-producers should be hearty allies of the Health Department.

According to the story related by Saady and Aey, they were set upon without the least warning by George Thomas and C. Kouri, both Syrians, Aey was felled with a single blow, and while he was trying to stagger to his feet, the other man was slashed in the head, neck and hand, and badly pummeled in the right side.

The assault started them so much that they had been routed before they knew what was happening, and the others had fled from the scene. Thomas and Kouri declare they were in the

COUNCIL DEFERS VOTE UNTIL JULY

Joint Session Almost Unanimously Agreed Not to Elect Water Superintendent Last Night.

AFRAID TO FORCE THE FIGHT

Refusal of Hobson to Remain With Marshall Created Sensation—Race Still Open.

Tumbling into the bandwagon, City Council, in joint session last night, almost unanimously agreed to adjourn after formally accepting the resignation of Mr. Charles E. Bolling as Superintendent of the Water Department, and without going into the election of his successor. This move was not unexpected, when leading members of the two branches concluded that there was nothing to be gained by hasty action, they determined to defer the vote until July. A motion to this end was followed by a regular chorus of approval.

Motion to Adjourn. Notwithstanding the heated claims of the four candidates and their managers, not one could show half the number of votes necessary to elect. Realizing this condition, all were afraid to force the fight and all wanted the election postponed, although none was apparently willing to plunge in and suggest the delay.

Councilman David Meade White, in love with the record and availability of none, quietly raised himself amid the confusion and caught the eye of President Turpin.

"Mr. President," he said, "I move we adjourn."

Instantly there was a hubbub. From all sides of the chamber came cries of "question," "question," the adoption of the motion meaning, of course, that the election of a superintendent would not take place until July. Alderman Satterfield attempted to protest, but was mildly howled down, if such a thing be possible in a City Council. Councilman W. L. White, late in arriving, wanted to know the object of adjournment, and his colleague the same name offered to tell him if he was over-anxious for information.

Young Mr. White, the Independent, sent a thrill of joy through the ranks of Marshall, Bolton, Woody and Davis backers, the motion to adjourn being adopted by a vote of 16 to 7. Those voting on the losing side were Messrs. Don Leavy, Garber, Miner, Watkins, Powers, Unlauf and W. L. White, who is seldom on the same side of any question with D. M. White. The thing was done so quickly that the members seemed to realize what had happened.

Marshall Men Called Meeting.

Had the election been held immediately after the former joint session, when Mr. Bolling swept the field in his fine race for City Engineer, Mr. Marshall would have unquestionably won. Since that time, however, he has been steadily losing ground. Two weeks ago, when his friends were sure of his chances, they signed a call for the meeting last night, this document showing the names of the most ardent admirers of the young engineer. If his friends satisfy themselves within the next few weeks that he can win they will call another meeting, but the probabilities are that nothing will be done until July, when the full term of Mr. Bolling would have expired.

Hobson Deserts Marshall.

The underpinning of the Marshall candidacy was seriously shaken yesterday with the announcement that Councilman Graham B. Hobson had quit to join the Bolton forces, after being long identified with the Marshall campaign. He gave no public explanation of the reasons which prompted his change of mind. With Dr. Williams, President Peters, of the Common Council, Mr. Lynne and others, Mr. Hobson had originally signed a published statement in reply to the editorial query, "Why Mr. Marshall?"

Convinced yesterday that there would be no election, few secret conferences were held, but the campaign leaders decided that it would be best to postpone action, practically all agreeing not to oppose that motion when it was introduced.

FOR NEW POWER PLANT

Committee to Secure Plans and Estimate of From Engineers. Acting under a resolution of the City Council the Joint Committee on Water and Electricity appointed a special committee to secure plans and estimate for a new lighting plant at the old Pump House, with a view to ascertaining the cost of such a plant, and for the purpose of determining whether it was feasible. The special committee consists of Aldermen Mann, Satterfield and Dabney, and Councilmen White and D. Richardson with City Engineer Bolling.

NO MORE STABLES

Holding Inspector Officially Notified of Adoption of New Law. Building Inspector Beck was officially notified yesterday by the City Engineer, Dr. Augustus M. Whittaker, that under an ordinance adopted by both branches and signed by the Mayor, no stable, private or public, could be erected on any lot, private or public, unless the residential section if there are to be a rooming house, or unless the building is to be a building code, although there is much opposition to it on the part of the public.

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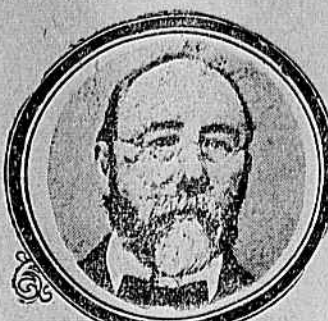
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Masons to Have New Grand Master



SYLVANUS J. QUINN.

With Most Worshipful Grand Master Sylvanus J. Quinn in the East, the 130th session of the Grand Lodge of Virginia opened in the grand lodge room in the Adams Hotel last night in due and ancient form. Approximately 1000 Masons were present at the commencement of the session, together with a full attendance of the grandmasters and officers.

The most important feature of the evening was the grand master's address, preceding which Mr. Quinn announced that he would not stand for re-election to the office of grand master. He will be succeeded by the present deputy grand master, the Right Worshipful Joseph W. Eggleston, of this city, who will be formally elected to-night.

The master's address dealt principally with the workings of the fraternity in Virginia, and took occasion to comment, however, on the improvements which have been made at the temple, which was under the personal supervision of Deputy Grand Master J. W. Eggleston.

Fastmasters present were: The Hon.



JOSEPH W. EGGLESTON.

R. T. W. Duke, of Charlottesville; Mr. T. N. Davis, Lynchburg; Major A. R. Courtney, Richmond; H. O. Kearns, of Southfield; Mr. G. W. Wright, Marion. The present officers of the Grand Lodge are as follows: Grand Master, Sylvanus J. Quinn, of Fredericksburg, Va.; Deputy Grand Master, Joseph W. Eggleston, of Richmond; Grand Senior Warden, J. W. Kellam, of Olney, Va.; Grand Junior Warden, W. B. McClesney, of Charlottesville, Va.; Grand Treasurer, Fred Pleasant, of Richmond; Grand Secretary, George W. Carrington, of Richmond; Grand Senior Deacon, W. L. Andrews, of Roanoke; Grand Junior Deacon, Philip K. Bauman, of Essex, Va.; Grand Chaplain, George H. Ray, of Spotsylvania; Grand Tiler, James H. Allen, of Richmond; Grand Pursuivant, James A. Pamplin, of Richmond; Grand Steward, William Krouse, of Richmond.

WREN NOT DRUNK, BOARD DECLARES

But He Will Be Reprimanded for Drinking—Hearing Behind Closed Doors.

Notwithstanding the appearance of an overwhelming majority of witnesses against him, Sergeant T. J. Wren, of the detective department, was exonerated on three serious charges by the Board of Police Commissioners last night, but was ordered to be severely reprimanded for having consumed three drinks while returning from Orange last Tuesday week. The session lasted from 8 o'clock until half and hour after midnight. The official statement issued by the board is as follows:

The board finds from the evidence:

"First—that Sergeant Wren was not in charge of the prisoner on his return trip from Orange Court House.

"Second—that he was not guilty of any disgraceful conduct, as charged in the reports.

"Third—that he was not guilty of furnishing the prisoner with liquor.

"On these charges Sergeant Wren is exonerated. We find from his own admission that after delivering the prisoner into the custody of the court at Orange, Va., he took three drinks, for which the board orders him to be severely reprimanded."

Volunteered to Testify.

From the more serious charges, the accused detective escaped by the testimony of Colonel Newhouse, doorkeeper of the Legislature, and former Senator George S. Chackerford, the former of whom, not knowing at the time who Sergeant Wren was, volunteered, after the publication of the charges, to testify in his behalf, and the latter of whom wrote a personal letter to the board yesterday afternoon, the communication reaching the commissioners in time to be read last night. Both witnesses testified as to the orderliness of the detective, Deputy Sheriff Parker, of the Orange county, who testified in Wren's behalf, and Detective-Sergeant Bailey and W. Ford, a night watchman at the City Jail, Jallor Nance, and, of course, the accused himself.

Throughout the proceedings the officers were allowed to sit and listen to the witnesses, and to cross-examine them, if he wished. Nineteen appeared against him, all having subscribed to sworn statements, and six were for him. When placed on the stand, Wren admitted having taken three drinks, but denied that he had been intoxicated. The taking of evidence consumed three and a half hours, and it was 11:30 o'clock when the detective was dismissed from the session. At 12:15 A. M. he was called in to hear the verdict. Five minutes later he walked out, and the fact that the charges had not been taken seriously was known.

What Sherer Says.

Special Agent Sherer, of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, was not allowed to sit with the board. He was asked to prefer charges, he said, but refused on the ground that he had been subpoenaed to appear as a witness, and did not want to appear in the attitude of bringing the charges.

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DABNEY ATTACKS DUST NUISANCE

Appeals to Board to Protect Main Street Merchants from Street-Sweeping in Daytime.

Time until the very close, the meeting of the Board of Aldermen last night closed with a sensational attack on the Street Cleaning Department by Alderman Dabney, who, under a suspension of rules, sent to the Common Council a special resolution instructing Superintendent Cohn not to sweep Main Street from Fifth to Fifteenth Street between the hours of 7 A. M. and 7 P. M.

"For six months," said Mr. Dabney, "the merchants and business people have been justly complaining about an intolerable nuisance. On two occasions I saw the superintendent of the department, and he promised to abate the nuisance. He has refused, however, to do so."

There was a lively discussion for fifteen minutes or more, Mr. Bennett and Mr. Gunst contending that the matter should be considered and regulated by the committee.

"Give the committee a chance to regulate it," said Mr. Bennett, "and if it fails I will resign."

Mr. Gunst's motion to commit was killed. His other motion to include Broad Street met a similar fate, and the Dabney resolution was adopted, with a request to the merchants, offered by Mr. Bennett, that they sweep their sidewalks before 7 A. M. He made the point that if they wanted relief they might at least give as much to the public.

Can't Tax It, F. & P. Obligation.

Practically the entire session was devoted to the consideration of communications from the Common Council for concurrence. City Attorney Pollard transmitted an opinion to the effect that the dividend-bearing obligations of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad could not be taxed by the city.

A number of ordinances providing for increases in salaries were concurred in, including that for the benefit of Captain Curtis, the Harbor Master.

City Engineer Bolling sent in two estimates showing the probable cost of raising Lester Street. One involved the expenditure of \$327,000 and the other \$155,000. Although regarded as good campaign literature, the work will hardly be done this year.

Among the new matters to come in on roll call were the following:

By Mr. Monrore: To appropriate \$2,500 to equip hospital in the new City Jail.

By Mr. Mann: Providing for fifty-eight allegations for street paving in Marshall Ward.

By Mr. Gilman: To prohibit the pawning of second-hand mechanical tools.

By Mr. Whittier: To appropriate \$6,500 for paving Laurel Street.

Probation for Drunkards.

Alderman Ellett introduced an ordinance "to authorize the Police Justice of the city of Richmond, where any person brought before him charged with violating an ordinance is shown to be a confirmed drunkard, neglectful of his family from his drinking habits or otherwise, or is an idler or loafer, or a person who lives on the earnings of his wife or children, to admit such person to bail upon his own recognizance, and direct a police officer, or other person, to supervise and observe the conduct of such person while so bailed, and to obtain a report thereon from such officer."

Cocaine Sellers Get Limit.

Lillian Carter and John Hatcher, charged with selling cocaine, were sentenced in Police Court yesterday morning to the full extent of the law—\$100 fine and thirty days in jail.

Several questions were asked by the court as to the location of the different packages of cocaine which were produced by London at the instance of the detectives. Questioned by Mr. Pollock, the detective said that he knew the boy Harris was going for cocaine, and that he had talked with him, but that he did not furnish the money. After producing the cocaine London announced that it was McDermott's business. The witness said the officers were greatly surprised when they pursued led them to the arrest of London.

Very Obliging Witnesses.

Charles Harris, colored, the purchaser of the cocaine, was sworn. He stated that he lived at No. 409 North Fifteenth Street, and knew London and his store. In answer to a question Harris said that Joe Bland, a colored man, sent him after the cocaine. Before Mr. Pollock could stop him the willing witness added that he had been going there for several months and getting it.

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PLAN TO GET BOTH OFF, REPORT SAYS

Expected That Effort Will Be Made by Defense in Hustings Court Now to Lay Blame on McDermott, Who Has Had "Immunity Bath."

"If a jury in the Hustings Court acquits you after hearing such evidence as I have heard here, they will be run out of town." These comforting words Justice John J. Crutcher uttered yesterday morning for the benefit of his long-time friend, Samuel J. London, after sentencing him to thirty days in jail and a fine of \$100, for selling cocaine—the maximum punishment. Without attempting to make a defense in the Police Court, London, a reputable merchant, took an appeal immediately after the prosecution had made out its case. His associate, McDermott, who at first offered to assume all blame, was acquitted, the prosecution not being able to prove any sales of cocaine on his part. Although several witnesses declared that the drug and the business were his, London himself stated to the officers who arrested him that the packages which he was caught in the act of selling belong to McDermott, an instant collector employed in his furniture store. Get Them Both Off. By submitting its case without witnesses in the Police Court, the defense secured the dismissal of McDermott, leaving London as the principal. It is freely predicted that in the higher court these witnesses will all testify, and an effort will be made then to cover London, who was the innocent agent in the hands of McDermott, the real dealer in the drug. In this manner it is hoped that the merchant will escape punishment, and as McDermott cannot be re-arrested on a charge on which he has been tried and acquitted, both men could go free. Whether or not the wide-spread rumors that this is to be the method of defense is true, cannot be ascertained, of course. The attorney for the two men is Mr. Gilbert K. Pollock.

Justice Crutcher, for years a close personal friend of London's, preserved his professional demeanor throughout the case, but at its close wiped the perspiration from his face, and wearily called Magistrate Graves to the bench, saying that he was too much overcome to continue the call of the docket. In the course of the hearing the justice remarked that both London and McDermott had abundant reason to thank the officers who had arrested them for stopping them in their trade at this time, as the present Legislature will in all probability make the trade in cocaine a felony, punishable with a term in the penitentiary of not less than one year. The case was recommended by Justice Crutcher and the police authorities of Richmond. A throng of people crowded the lower part of the City Hall during the trial of the furniture-dealer. Commonwealth's Attorney Fowkes conducted the prosecution.

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